

Time for some wrist candy



Burn Unit BBQ hits milestone

FUNDRAISER The Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Society (CFBTS) will hit a milestone when it surpasses the \$200,000 mark in donations from 18 consecutive years of Stampede fundraising barbecues hosted by Univar Canada Ltd.

The total makes Univar the largest corporate donor to date for the CFBTS, and all proceeds go to the Foothills Medical Centre Burn Unit — The Calgary Firefighters Burn Treatment Centre.

The event, which starts today at 11 a.m., will feature chuckwagon grub, live country music, entertainment and barrel wagon races.

METRO CALGARY

Flapjack flipping world record set

FEAT FILMED The Guinness Book of World Records flapjack flipping mark was set right here in Cowtown during a Stampede breakfast at Rope Square in downtown Calgary yesterday.

Food Network host Bob Blumer bested the previous record of 555 pancakes poured, cooked and flipped by four, as the food guru hit a mark of 559 in 60 minutes.

Blumer's feat was filmed for the Glutton for Punishment show scheduled for spring 2009 on the Food Network.

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Bale on being the Bat

Tough takedown



It was a tough takedown for this youngster yesterday during the Wild Pony Racing event yesterday at the Calgary Stampede rodeo.

Ponying up the spirit

ROBIN ALMUS/FOR METRO CALGARY

Mosquito swatted?

Calgary Transit won't use high-frequency 'teenage deterrent'

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary



Advertised as the "ultrasonic teenage deterrent," a device called the Mosquito won't be fixed to Calgary Transit platforms after all, according to a transit official.

Calgary Transit was reportedly considering the installation of the device already in place in cities like Edmonton and Vancouver to deter teens from loitering, vandalizing and partying in specific locations by emitting a high-frequency tone that is supposedly audible only to those in the 13 to 25 age group.

Mike Gibson, president of Mov-

hear it for yourself

- Check out the sound the Mosquito makes at http://thefuntimesguide.com/audio/Mosquito_Ringtones.mp3
- Looks like a small speaker
- Advertised as the "ultrasonic teenage deterrent"
- Can be controlled by a timer, cell-phone, or remote control
- Effective between 15 to 20 metres
- \$1,500 per box
- More information available at www.mosquitogroup.com

ing Sound Technologies, the only company in North America with distribution rights, confirmed that Calgary Transit had purchased two of these devices, called

GSM Mosquitos, for what he said would be a "beta program."

Ron Collins with Calgary Transit initially told Metro it was "very possible" that these had been purchased, but said that none had thus far been installed and that they would be tested internally first before the squeal of the boxes would reach public ears.

"We want to look at it and make the right decision," he said.

Gibson said the devices had been shipped out — each costing \$1,500 — and should be arriving in Calgary within the next few days.

"(Customers who have purchased them) find it a miracle," said Gibson.

He said Calgary's version would be controlled by cellphone, acti-

vated and deactivated by sending a text message to the device — potentially deterring loitering teens within four to five minutes, according to Gibson.

"It's not harmful," he said, adding that the Workers Compensation Board has standards that the Mosquito meets since it emits the sound at just 85 decibels.

"They (teens) would get very annoyed, very quickly," he said.

Late yesterday, Collins contacted Metro and indicated Calgary Transit had "weighed the options" and would be returning the purchased equipment.

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Foul play was not involved in the death of a man found in a motel in the 2300 block of Banff Trail NW on Wednesday, says the Chief Medical Examiner. The exact cause of death may take several weeks to determine as the examiner is waiting on toxicology reports. **METRO CALGARY**

Local



Rising hospital costs

With costs skyrocketing to \$1.7 billion, the south Calgary hospital, pegged to come in at \$1.4 billion, will be cutting 10 per cent of its beds, according to the Calgary Health Region. The 2005 construction cost estimate for the same hospital was around \$550 million.



Chuck safety again under microscope

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

RACE A horse was euthanized Wednesday night after two rigs collided during the Rangeland Derby chuckwagon races.

Rae Croteau Jr.'s wagon bumped into Reg Johnstone's during the seventh heat, leaving Croteau with a 10-second penalty and a \$2,500 fine.

"The race continued, there was no collapse or anything like that," said Doug Fraser with the Calgary Stampede. Afterwards, he said a veterinarian checked out the horse — as is practice — and found irreparable damage to one of Johnstone's horse's front legs, resulting in the euthanization.

"The drivers and the outsiders and the fans know that there's risk in this sport," said Fraser. "It's unavoidable."

However, due to stiff new regulations in response to the death of three horses and injury to driver Tyler Helmig last year, the Stampede created a chuckwagon safety review committee. The committee has stepped up fines dramatically and written up a code of conduct.

Destroyed Lightning strikes house



The second level of an Evanston home under construction was destroyed after being struck by lightning in yesterday's severe thunderstorm as it passed over the northwest Calgary community. One man was in the home when it was struck, but escaped without injury.

Enviro-cash good, but more is better

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It could have been more.

While Clean Calgary applauded the provinces move to sink \$2 billion in to province-wide transit initiatives Tuesday, "it could always be more," said co-ordinator of environmental education Lindsay Luhnau.

"Everything the province does to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, we'll totally back it,"

she said, adding the announcement will also work in a complementary manner to their own recently launched Getting There Green initiative, seeking to reduce tailpipe exhaust through a system of educational and awareness raising efforts.

There are still a lot of unanswered questions, though, Luhnau said, noting premier Ed Stelmach didn't lay out any specific plans for the cash as to whether preference would go to municipalities that

"Still, it will definitely make an impact."

Lindsay Luhnau,
Clean Calgary

have no transit currently or expanded bus routes.

"Still, it will definitely make an impact," she said, adding a regional rail route would help substantially cut into the 27 per cent of Calgary's emissions that come from vehicles.



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Tire at fault in fiery truck crash

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for Metro Calgary

Tire failure prior to hitting the ditch is what police believe caused a fiery crash on the north boundary of the city yesterday, killing the driver.

According to police, it was the failure of the front left steering tire that caused the driver to veer off the highway and into the ditch.

"It is very uncommon," said Sgt. Graeme Ramsay, Collision Investigation/Reconstruction Unit for the Traffic Section.

An investigation is still being conducted into how and why the tire failed.

"A vehicle burnt like that obviously adds a whole other dimension to the investi-

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Sgt. Graeme Ramsay

gation," said Ramsay.

Police will be relying on the evidence that have been left on the highway before the vehicle caught fire to determine what really caused the accident.

Calgary Police also reminds drivers to be mindful when passing an over-size vehicle and to give it extra time and space to brake.

"A lot of people will cut in front of a transport truck and expect them to stop on a dime and they simply can't do that," said Ramsay.

Park improvement on agenda

LOWERY GARDEN Ald. John Mar will ask city council Monday to consider improving the eastern access of Lowery Garden Park.

The land, originally priced at \$1.5 million and intended for use as a three storey office building, be-

came available after a deal fell through and the report said that failure to buy the land, now priced at nearly \$1.4 million, may result in decreased use of the park, located along the Bow River between Bow and Sarcee Trails.

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News in brief

DONATION Alberta Liberal leader Kevin Taft has called a news conference for this morning to donate the pay raise he

received as Leader of the Official Opposition to two charitable causes.

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Committee says ADHD drug should not be subsidized

Individuals suffering from ADHD may now have one less option for publicly funded medication.

The Canadian Expert Drug Advisory Committee (CEDAC), a branch of the Common Drug Review, recently recommended that Adderall XR "not be listed," proposing that it should not be government subsidized.

However, each province has the freedom to decide whether to accept the recommendation or not.

"It boggles the mind why they would recommend that," said Dr. Tom Fischer, a Calgary doctor who specializes in ADHD.

He said that although Ritalin, which is recognized,

works for most, it does have its drawbacks.

"One of the big differences is the logistics of taking it," Fischer said. "Ritalin has to be taken about every 2½ hours on average, Adderall can be taken once a day. (Especially) for kids, this is a huge difference."

He explained that ADHD tends to affect short-term memory, which means that patients may forget to take their second or third dose, resulting in a "roller-coaster effect in terms of benefits."

Adderall can be an effective alternative for those not responsive to Ritalin, says the doctor.

ALICIA FOX/FOR METRO CALGARY

Recycler doing his part

New fluorescent bulb disposal program is free of charge

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary



It sounds like a true monster: it crushes, eats, vaporizes, and swallows them whole.

But the Bulb Eater is really just part of a new free commercial recycling program that Calgary Lighting Products has begun offering to the company's commercial customers which buy large amounts of the fluorescent light bulbs.

"If they bring them here and we do the recycling here on site," said Latif Jamani, president of the family-owned company. He bought the machine for about \$6,000, which he says is quite an investment, but he believes he has a responsibility to do his part for the environment.

"It's important to have values and ethics in the way you conduct yourself," he said.

The machine itself is

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Latif Jamani,
president of Calgary
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made up of a 55 gallon drum that holds about 1500 fluorescent tube light bulbs.

The two Hepa filters and one carbon filter work together to absorb the gas, dust, phosphorus and mercury put out by the light bulbs once they're crushed.

In a fully contained system, three chains smash the bulb and generate negative air pressure so that nothing escapes to pollute the air.

When full, the drums will be shipped to a recycling depot where they wash the glass and use it for things like reflective paint.



Latif Jamani, president of Calgary Lighting Products shows off the company's bulb-eating machine to recycle fluorescent light tubes.

Researcher gets bio-terror vaccine grant

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Donald Woods hopes at least half of the work he's undertaking is in vain.

The University of Calgary researcher, along with counterparts at the University of Georgia, the University of Toledo and Canadian biopharmaceutical company Cangene, were recently awarded a \$1.7 million grant from the U.S.

National Institutes of Health to develop and test vaccines for use against bio-terrorism agents.

"It's not just an esoteric exercise," Woods said. "If one develops a vaccine for potential bio-terrorism use, that's one thing, you put it on the shelf and hope it's never used, but on the other hand, these vaccines can be used right now to treat diseases or protect against diseases that are currently present

in the world, for which a vaccine is desperately needed."

While Woods said it was impossible to know if and when such agents could be used in a bio-terrorism attack, based on the 2001 anthrax attacks in the United States, "clearly the potential exists and there have been various groups worldwide who have either done this or proposed to do this, so I think the threat is very real," he said.



University of Calgary researcher Donald Woods

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The Saskatchewan government is dropping a court challenge of the federal equalization program. Justice Minister Don Morgan says the province will withdraw a reference the previous NDP government had made. **METRO CANADA**

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Taxi cab company charged

Ottawa has hit a man with the largest fines ever levied against a so-called "bandit cab" operation. Dynesty Service, owes \$56,250 after receiving a \$9,000 fine for each of five separate charges of operating a taxi dispatching service without a license, plus victim surcharges.

PM defends biofuels plan

Denies impact on rising food prices, shortages

Rising energy costs are a far greater factor than biofuels in driving up food prices, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

Many experts blame bio-fuel production for causing grain shortages and food price increases that have put tens of millions of people in danger of falling below their regional poverty lines.

But Harper defended his government's \$1.5 billion plan to promote development of biofuels in Canada.

"There are several causes to the recent rise in food prices and biofuels is probably a factor, but we're



Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, talks with his Japanese counterpart Yasuo Fukuda during their meeting at Fukuda's official residence in Tokyo yesterday.

convinced that the far greater factor is actually the rise in energy input costs for the production of

food," he said.

His comments came a day after Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said the

Ontario government is re-considering a plan to increase the required amount of ethanol in gasoline from 5 per cent to 10 per cent in 2010.

McGuinty, who denied in April that the corn-based fuel is driving up food prices, said his government is now considering whether it's in the public interest to stick with the 10 per cent commitment.

Harper, who met with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda, lauded the potential for increased trade with Japan and noted that Toyota and Honda are opening new auto plants in Ontario.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Boomers forgetting more with age: Study

MEMORY Six in 10 Canadian baby boomers have experienced a mild form of memory decline in the past year, according to a survey.

"We do know that the brain, like any other organ, deteriorates with age," Nathan Herrmann, head of geriatric psychiatry at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, said in an interview about the study

of people aged 40 to 60.

"And we believe that memory function and other areas of cognitive functioning as well, decline with aging."

In the survey, 58 per cent of the respondents, who have not been diagnosed with any form of dementia, reported symptoms of a disorder called Age Associated Memory Impairment (AAMI).

REUTERS

Worst to first, Ontario claims

RECYCLING Ontario will go from worst to first in Canada in electronic recycling once new fees are imposed to dispose of old TVs, computers and, in the future, other electronics, Premier Dalton McGuinty says.

Yesterday, the province

put in place a recycling program, including per-item fees, for all televisions and computers sold in Ontario.

Producers and importers will have to start paying the fees.

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Terror trial hears of bomb plot

Accused terrorist Momin Khawaja promised London bomb plotters there would be "fireworks" when he completed as many as 30 of the so-called Hi-Fi Digimonster remote control triggering devices, a court heard yesterday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Solar car a shining example

VICTORIA HANDSIDES
Metro Canada



Marcello Da Luz says he'll break a world-record with his solar-powered car come hell or high water, and that when it's all over, he hopes to end up in the slammer.

Da Luz rolled up to the Edmonton City Hall yesterday afternoon in a space-craft-like solar-powered car with nary a sound.

He started a journey of 16,000 km in Buffalo, N.Y., and hopes to make it to Inuvik, N.W.T., well before the perpetual darkness of winter, so he'll be able to make it home.

Making it home at all might prove challenging for the former flight attendant. The province of Ontario is the only place in the world that's banned



Marcello DaLuz pulls his solar-powered car up behind Edmonton City Hall yesterday afternoon.

his \$1-million invention that he drives laying on his back.

"Once I get back to Buffalo, I will try to enter Ontario, and hopefully they will arrest me," Da Luz said. "I do not like to see

them challenge what I'm trying to do here."

In order to uphold the ruling of the Ontario government, De Luz has had to travel across seven American states in order to get to Canada.

"I'm not a threat to the government, I'm not a threat to the public, and I'm not trying to sell anything. All I want to do is promote the use of clean, sustainable transportation."

Pair of feet linked in B.C. mystery

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada



Two of five disarticulated feet found on the shores of Southwest B.C. belonged to the same man and one of the found feet belonged to a woman, police in Vancouver said yesterday.

The B.C. Coroners Service used DNA analysis to confirm that the foot found Feb. 8 on Valdes Island and the foot found June 16 on Westham Island — on opposite sides of Georgia Strait — were from the same unidentified man.

As well, the fourth foot, found May 22 on Kirkham Island in the Fraser River, belonged to a woman. The DNA profile for that foot has not yet been completed. In less than a year, five



Reporters examine evidence.

search

Police have narrowed their search of missing persons and have so far eliminated 130 of those cases. As for the fourth foot, police are looking at a list of 159 missing women.

feet, still in sneakers, have washed up on B.C. shores. The mystery has sparked headlines worldwide and has been the subjects of jokes on late-night talk shows.

What you need to know about

Alberta's Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program

Effective July 1, 2008, Alberta's Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program will come into effect for Alberta drivers who have:

- Been convicted of drinking and driving with a blood-alcohol reading of double the legal limit or higher.
- Refused to provide a breath or blood sample.
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Alberta

Two cosmonauts floated outside the International Space Station yesterday to remove a so-called explosive bolt from their Soyuz capsule in hopes of fixing a problem that led to rough landings for two previous crews. **REUTERS**

World



Myanmar aid appeal

The United Nations appealed yesterday for more than \$300 million in additional aid for Myanmar to cope with the effects of a cyclone two months ago that left 138,000 people dead or missing. **REUTERS**

More missile tests for Iran

U.S. vows to defend allies

MILITARY OPTIONS Iran tested more missiles in the Gulf yesterday, state media said, and the United States reminded Tehran it was ready to defend its allies.

The U.S., which accuses Tehran of seeking nuclear arms, said after Iran tested nine missiles on Wednesday that there should be no more such tests if Iran wanted the world's trust. An intelligence official in Washington said there had been a second test and it was small.

U.S. leaders have not ruled out military options if diplomacy fails to assuage fears about Iran's nuclear program, which Tehran says is only to produce electricity.

Israel, which has long been assumed to have its own atomic arsenal, has sworn to prevent Iran from emerging as a nuclear-armed power. Last month it staged an air force exercise that stoked speculation about a possible assault on Iranian nuclear sites. **REUTERS**

Political pals Working hand-in-hand



U.S. Senator and Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama is led off the stage by U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton after the two appeared together at a Women for Obama campaign event in New York City yesterday.

U.K. may be expanding visa requirements

Britain announced yesterday it is considering expanding visa requirements to citizens from 11 additional countries including South Africa.

Nationals from more than 100 countries, equivalent to three-quarters of the world's population, need a visa to come to the United Kingdom.

But following a Visa Waiver Test of all non-European countries, the government said there is a strong case to add 11 more.

These are: Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela.

The test looked at the level of risk nationals from countries posed in terms of illegal immigration, and crime and security.

Visitors from these countries will now need a six-month visa. That will become a permanent requirement unless the "risk" posed is significantly reduced by the end of the year. Under a new system introduced in April, all visa applicants to Britain need to have their fingerprints checked before travelling. **REUTERS**



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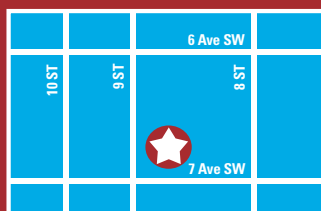
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Iraqi and Turkish leaders agree to work together

REBUILDING Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan pledged yesterday to boost ties with Iraq and urged the region to do more to help the Baghdad government rebuild after years of war.

Erdogan is the first Turkish leader to visit Iraq in nearly 20 years. His visit came on the same day Kuwait said it planned to name an ambassador to Baghdad soon because security had improved, further easing Iraq's regional diplomatic isolation.

The Turkish leader said both Baghdad and Ankara wanted to form a "security area that would eliminate the terrorist threats between the two countries".

Relations have often been strained by Kurdish PKK rebels who use northern Iraq to launch attacks into neighbouring Turkey. **REUTERS**

News in brief

THE BEST GIFT Guests at an Israeli wedding hall can now insert a credit card into a machine at its entrance, tap in a sum and leave a gift for the bride and groom. Couples rent the device, which looks like an ATM machine for about \$150. **REUTERS**

MILK PROTEST EU workers are struggling with thousands of litres of sour milk from burst cartons clogging up a central mail registry after German farmers posted them to Brussels to protest against low dairy prices, officials say. **REUTERS**

RED ALERT Llaima, one of the most active volcanoes in South America, spewed pyroclastic rock 400 metres into night skies yesterday morning, spooking residents a week after lava shot down one of its sides. Chile has issued warnings to residents of the area. **REUTERS**

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Reorganization Cuba has begun decentralizing decision-making in construction, in the second major reorganization of an industry since Raul Castro became president in February, media reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Gas price protest **Harnessing horse power**



A protester in national costume stands by a horse mockingly pulling a bus as they take part in a protest in Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk yesterday. Car owners and drivers gathered to protest against the increase in gasoline prices.

Move over, road ragers: Work rage is new problem

AFFECTING MILLIONS Anger in the workplace — employees and employers who are grumpy, insulting, short-tempered or worse — is shockingly common and likely growing as Americans cope with woes of rising costs, job uncertainty or overwhelming debt, experts say.

"It runs the gamut from

just rudeness up to pretty extreme abusive behaviors," said Paul Spector, professor of organizational psychology at the University of South Florida.

"The severe cases of fatal violence get a lot of press but in some ways this is more insidious because it affects millions of people."

Nearly half of U.S. work-

ers in America report yelling and verbal abuse on the job, with roughly a quarter saying it has driven them to tears.

Other research showed one-sixth of workers reported anger at work has led to property damage, while a tenth reported violence and fear their workplace might not be safe.

REUTERS

Georgia recalls envoy in Russia

JET SORTIES Georgia recalled its ambassador from Moscow yesterday after Russia said it had sent its fighter jets into its neighbour's airspace to prevent Georgian troops attacking a separatist region.

Russia acknowledged the fighter sorties a few hours after U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, on a visit to the Georgian

capital, urged Moscow to help ease tensions in the strategic region instead of adding to them.

Georgia's pro-Western government is locked in a confrontation with Russia over two Georgian regions — South Ossetia and Abkhazia — which have rejected Tbilisi's rule and are receiving support from Moscow.

REUTERS

UN urges control of population

WOMEN'S RIGHTS As thousands of groups in 140 countries prepare to mark World Population Day today, the United Nations is calling for more action to promote women's rights and reduce the millions of deaths resulting from unwanted pregnancies. World Population Day was set the UN in 1989. **REUTERS**

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Intel Corp, the world's biggest computer chip maker, yesterday won clearance from the Food and Drug Administration to sell an in-home health monitoring system called Health Guide for patients with chronic conditions. **REUTERS**

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Enhance unveils CO2 capture plan

ENERGY Enhance Energy Inc. said yesterday it plans to build Alberta's first major carbon dioxide pipeline system to ship the greenhouse gas to old oil fields, where it can boost output.

Enhance said the pipeline will be located in central Alberta, where it will capture carbon dioxide emissions from an oil sands upgrading plant planned by North West Upgrading Inc. and a fertilizer plant operated by Agrium. **REUTERS**

News in brief

AIRLINES The chief executives of 12 U.S. airlines have written an open letter to customers asking for their help in curbing the speculation they say is partly to blame for fuel prices. **REUTERS**

All work, little play: Survey

Canadians on job while vacationing

It is corporate co-dependence run amok.

Almost one quarter of Canadians deliberately stay "connected to work" while on vacation, even though half of us also confess to indulging in holiday planning while at work, suggest a pair of surveys released yesterday by Monster Canada.

The career portal's first on-line survey of 1,439 Canadians suggests many of us simply live to work. Among its key findings, nearly one in four Canadians admitted to

"Many Canadians seem to be missing the point when it comes to taking holidays."

Monster Canada's Peter Gilfillan

checking e-mail and telephone messages during their holiday time. A startling 17 per cent admit they "never really stop working," while a similar number fess up to making themselves available

to their bosses "for emergencies only" while on holidays. Only 43 per cent of respondents said they "do not work at all," the survey said.

"Many Canadians seem to be missing the point when it comes to taking holidays," said Peter Gilfillan vice-president of sales with Monster Canada.

A second Monster Canada survey of 1,792 Canadians found that some 50 per cent of respondents admitted to planning their vacations while on the job.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



U.S. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke, right, and U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson address a hearing of the House Financial Services Committee in Washington yesterday.

U.S. officials urge regulatory overhaul

U.S. policy-makers said yesterday they were doing everything possible to restore calm to financial markets, but stressed to lawmakers that a longer-term regulatory overhaul was vital to avert future crises.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told Congress they agreed the Fed needs a stronger hand in supervising investment banks to help shield the broader economy from problems like the ones that forced the emergency rescue of investment bank Bear Stearns.

22.96

points jump in Nasdaq index following comments in Congress.

"We should consider how to most appropriately give the Federal Reserve the authority to access necessary information from complex financial institutions ... and the tools to intervene to mitigate systemic risk in advance of a crisis," Paulson told Congress. **REUTERS**

Petro-Canada shuts refinery

OIL Petro-Canada said yesterday it has shut down its 135,000 barrel per day refinery in Edmonton after an unspecified incident forced the company to depressurize some units after steam boilers lost water.

Kelli Stevens, a spokeswoman for the company, said Petro-Canada can't yet say when the facility will return to normal operation. "We want to bring it back safely and as quickly as possible," she said. **REUTERS**



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Transportation

Beijing will offer free bus and subway services for Olympic ticket holders during the Games, state media reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

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The men's water polo team, clockwise from bottom left: Aaron Feltham, Kevin Mitchell, Robin Randall, Nathaniel Miller and captain Thomas Marks.

Underdogs no longer

First time in history men's water polo team has qualified for Games

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Once the absent underdogs of the sport, the Canadian men's water polo team is looking to make a big splash at the Olympics in Beijing.

The 2008 Beijing Olympics will mark the first time in history the Canadian men's team has qualified to represent the nation in the water sport, although Canada was a last-minute invitation to the 1984 Olympics after Moscow boycotted.

"We have already made history by qualifying for the Olympics, so there isn't a lot of added pressure on us," head coach Dragon Jovanovic tells Metro. "We will go and do our best and prove to the world we deserve to be there."

Jovanovic, a former water polo goaltender from the former Yugoslavia, was hired by Water Polo Canada to coach the team four years ago.

"They are a great bunch of guys, they are very committed and they really work well together. We're

History of the water polo team

1972: Canada was invited to compete in Munich after one of the qualified countries declined.

1976: Canada earned an automatic berth for being the host country.

1980: Canada boycotted the Moscow Olympics.

1984: Moscow then boycotted the '84 Games in Los Angeles and Canada received the last-minute invitation.

2004: Canada failed to qualify for the Olympics in Athens and coach Dragon Jovanovic was hired.

2008: Canada beats host team Romania to advance to the Olympics. Off to Beijing in August to compete.

hitting our toughest training yet," he said.

There are currently 17 players fighting for 13 positions for the Olympics, and the final team won't be decided until right before the Games, according to the coach.

The players range in age from 18-29, and hail from across Canada, calling Calgary their training headquarters because of the "state of the art" Talisman Centre where they practice.

"Even if they miss their homes, they want to play water polo and this is their home now," Jovanovic said.

Calgary Mount Royal College student Kevin Mitchell, 26, told Metro he is excited to take part in

"We will go and do our best and prove to the world we deserve to be there."

Dragon Jovanovic

the Olympic experience, one he calls a "dream come true."

"It's amazing. I really can't wait to live the whole Olympic experience, it's something you imagine but can't believe it's happening," he said.

Mitchell recalled the "adrenaline rush" of beating home team Romania at the Olympic qualifier tournament this year.

"It was probably the best feeling of my life after put-



Team captain Thomas Marks shows off his Olympic spirit.

ting seven years into this and to make it now, especially as underdogs, is exhilarating," he says. "We did what others thought we couldn't."

The team just returned from a month-long trip to Europe, where they beat Italy and Greece, and coach Jovanovic said they

looked in fine form.

"The challenge now is we don't have any matches in July, so we just have to continue to train hard," he said. "These guys are working hard though, and we have a plan in place to be recognized as a serious contender in the upcoming years."

Romanian team drops Popescu

ATHLETICS Liliana Popescu, the fastest women's 1,500-metre runner this year, has been dropped from Romania's Olympic team under suspicion of doping, the local athletics federation (FRA) said yesterday.

"At the moment, Liliana Popescu does not belong to the athletics team for Beijing on suspicion of doping," FRA head Sorin Matei said.

Sarkozy defends Beijing decision

POLITICS French President Nicolas Sarkozy insisted yesterday he had the backing of all European capitals for his decision to attend the opening of the Beijing Olympics as holder of the EU presidency.

"All the member states gave their agreement for me to participate in the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games," he said.

Terror attacks foiled, China says

CRIME China said yesterday that it had foiled five "terrorism groups" plotting attacks targeting the Beijing Olympics, as the government cracks down on perceived threats to the Games. In the first six months of the year, police detained 82 people, the state-run Xinhua news agency said. **REUTERS**

Sports in brief

BOXING Thailand's Olympic champion boxer Manus Boonjumnong will turn professional after the Beijing Games, the country's boxing chief said on yesterday.

SOCCER World soccer's governing body FIFA yesterday reminded clubs that they must release any players aged under 23 who are called up by their countries for the Olympics. **REUTERS**

Monday's lineup

GOING FOR GOLD Canada is making its first appearance at the Games since women's soccer was included in 1996. "We want to win gold," says player Christine Sinclair. Pick up Monday's Metro for more.

27 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Toronto Blue Jays centre-fielder Vernon Wells will miss the next four-to-six weeks with a Grade 2 strain of his left hamstring, the club revealed yesterday. Wells suffered the injury while stealing a base on Wednesday night. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Longoria, Hart all-stars

Tampa Bay Rays third baseman Evan Longoria, left, and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Corey Hart were chosen by a record number of voters as the final two all-stars yesterday. Longoria received a record nine million of the 47.8 million votes cast, while Hart got eight million. **Metro News Services**

Stamps show grit on road

Defence tightens up in second half to help pull out victory in Montreal

DAN TOTH
for Metro Calgary



STAMPEDERS 23 ALOUETTES 19

The Calgary Stampeders have taken a step in transforming themselves from road kill to road kill.

Despite winning just four games away from McMahon Stadium in the last two seasons, the Stamps knocked off the unbeaten Alouettes 23-19 last night in Montreal thanks to an exceptional second-half performance.

"It was a great team effort as all three phases played well," head coach John Hufnagel told the QR77 post-game show.

"We overcame a shoddy first half, again, came out in the second half and scored. The defence played tough, physical football all night. It was a great win."

Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris wasn't sharp in the opening 30 minutes, both passing and running the ball. His most glaring gaffe was a fumble in the first quarter in the Montreal red zone with Calgary still looking for its first points of the game.

Burris completed 28-of-34 passes for 302 yards but he



Alouettes receiver Jason Armstead is gang tackled by Calgary Stampeders defenders Jon Cornish, from left, Lemarcus Rowell and Marc Calixte last night in Montreal.

also posted 91 yards rushing. Meanwhile, the Stamps defence held the Alouettes to just two second-half points.

The Stamps improved their record to 2-1 while the Als fell to 2-1.

Stamps placekicker Sandro DeAngelis booted field goals from 25, 32 and 39 yards, including the points in the third quarter that gave Calgary their first lead

of the game.

Alouettes veteran quarterback Anthony Calvillo shredded the Stamps defence in the first half, completing 15-of-22 passes for 274 yards and one TD while opening a 17-10 lead. Calvillo later appeared to dislocate a finger on his left (non-throwing) hand that affected his consistency in the second half.

The Als had gained an 11-

0 advantage in the first quarter with a 67-yard pass-and-run touchdown to Jamel Richardson, just four plays after Burris fumbled at the Alouettes' 16-yard line. Richardson out-jumped Stamps defensive back Calvin Bannister to pull down the ball before sprinting to the endzone.

The Stampeders answered on their next series with an 81-yard TD drive,

capped by an eight-yard score by running back Joffrey Reynolds.

Burris also found Ken-Yon Rambo with a five-yard TD toss to open the third quarter, tying the game 17-17. The third quarter was kind to the Stamps, who dominated with more than 11 minutes of ball possession.

Alouettes kicker Damon Duval hit three field goals and added three singles.

Bonds could land with contender soon

YorkReport

Marty York



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Like it or not, Barry Bonds probably will return to the major leagues after next week's all-star break.

Bonds has been working out daily and is poised to join a contender. Clubs have resisted temptations to sign the home-run king this season, partly because of his age (he'll be 44 this month) and largely because of his off-field problems (steroid allegations), but MLB sources tell Metro the general mindset is changing.

"Bonds can make the difference to a team aiming to win a championship," an AL general manager said. "In the first half, no one wanted to touch him because of the circus that would come along with him. But, now, the pros on signing Bonds would likely outweigh the cons for a team in a pennant race."

Most likely team for Bonds: The Arizona Diamondbacks, who have lost outfielder Eric Byrnes for the season because of a hamstring injury.

• Before they obtained pitcher C.C. Sabathia from the Cleveland Indians the other day, the Brewers rejected a trade proposal from the Blue Jays that would have sent pitcher A.J. Burnett to Milwaukee for



"The pros on signing (Barry) Bonds would likely outweigh the cons for a team in a pennant race."

Unnamed AL general manager

shortstop J.J. Hardy ... (What's with all the initials?) ... The Philadelphia Phillies are hunting for a pitcher and covet Burnett and Ontarian Erik Bedard of the Seattle Mariners ... The Tampa Bay Rays, determined to prove their first-place status in the AL East is no fluke, hope to bolster their roster by acquiring both outfielder Matt Holliday and relief pitcher Brian Fuentes from the Colorado Rockies.

• And, speaking of major trade possibilities, there's a blockbuster brewing in the

NBA, too.

The Detroit Pistons, we hear, are making a big pitch to the Houston Rockets for perennial all-star Tracy McGrady.

• So both Shaun Marcum and Dustin McGowan are out now with injuries to their throwing arms, and you can't help but wonder about those mouth guards and necklaces they've been wearing on the mound all season.

Both of the Jays' young pitchers have insisted that these mouth guards and necklaces were being worn

for health reasons, not as fashion statements.

"They're more circulation devices for general health," said Bart Given, the Jays' assistant general manager. "I don't think you can say these devices were supposed to prevent them from getting arm injuries."

• And CFL sources tell Metro the B.C. Lions plan to pursue two quarterbacks in trade talks if they lose to the Blue Bombers and fall to 0-3 in Winnipeg tonight.

One of them is their old QB — Dave Dickenson.

For details, and lots more on the league, check out my latest CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Sports in brief

NHL The Vancouver Canucks signed free agent forward Pavol Demitra yesterday to a two-year contract worth a reported \$8 million US. Demitra, 33, compiled 15 goals and 39 assists in 68 games last season with the Minnesota Wild. He has 699 career regular-season points.

NHL The Edmonton Oilers officially signed free agent defenceman Jason Strudwick to a one-year contract yesterday. Strudwick, who turns 33 next week, spent the past three seasons with the New York Rangers.

NBA Forward Corey Maggette officially signed with the Golden State Warriors yesterday. The deal is reportedly for five years and worth \$50 million US.

NBA The Golden State Warriors have signed restricted free agent forward Ronny Turiaf to an offer sheet. The Los Angeles Lakers have seven days to match the offer. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Calgary Stampede



McDonald scores with Stampede demonstration

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER
METRO CALGARY

Here comes Lanny McDonald... he shoots, he scores! Yes, you heard right, that's the legendary number 9 — former Flame Lanny McDonald — at the Stampede yesterday putting on an impromptu performance, entertaining fans at the Hockey Canada demonstration.

"I think it's absolutely awesome to be here at the Stampede and I'm so excited to see this set up, especially here in Calgary," McDonald told Metro.

"When you can mix two great things like hockey and the Stampede, it's amazing because both are such an important part of the city."

Fans gathered while McDonald shook the rust off,



Lanny McDonald stops to sign an autograph for Jack Gillis, 8, at the Hockey Canada demonstration at the Getaway.

showing his hockey skills at the shootout competition, banking his shots off fake sticks to score on the goalie he said has the "hardest five-hole to score on."

Other fans gathered in line to catch a glimpse,

handshake and autograph of the popular player, some coming from as far as from Toronto.

"Yeah, he is a cool guy, he's doing really well at the competitions," 10-year-old Lucas said.

May the best talent win!

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER
METRO CALGARY

It's like Stampede Idol, but these competitors would love to see one another win.

The Southern Alberta Youth Talent singers, aged 13-21, have been competing at various outlets throughout Stampede Park and all are working toward

the finals this weekend, but that doesn't mean they aren't cheering for each other.

"I like it because we're all friends and very supportive of one another. It's not like a competition where you want the other people to lose," 16-year-old Alanna Clarke told Metro after serenading fans at the Jaycee Park Stage.

Singing for only six years, Clarke seems to have the talent to go all the way, and her modesty might help her along the way.

"I would like to be a singer, and I want to stay in the music industry for a long time," the aspiring pop-rock hopeful added.

The semi-finals and finals go at Boyce Theatre this weekend.

Military shows off toys at Park

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER
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Garnering support from the "most proud city" in the nation, the Canadian military is out in full force this Stampede showing off their guns.

The popular attractions including the CF18 Hornet fighter jet, the tanks and the machine guns — all mock-ups of course — were a big hit among visitors to the park for the past week.

"Everyone loves checking out the tanks and the helicopters. Kids loves to check out the equipment just to see what they are like," CF18 instructor pilot Varinder Dhillon told Metro.

Kids were climbing on the machines, but parents and adults have been offering their support to the troops, he added.

"A lot of people just want to come up and shake our hands and just let us know they appreciate what we're doing. It's nice to see, we're out here to create awareness for people so they can see and talk to us because we're a part of the community too," he said.

Thousands of visitors



Second Lieut. Pierre-C. Quirion of the Canadian Air Force, shows Taylor Haydu, and his twin sister Bailey, how a CF-18 Hornet fighter plane would operate while in flight at the Canadian Forces display at Stampede Park.

have been passing the huge set-up on Stampede Lane and the troops will be out there talking to people until the very last day.

Peter Coen said while he doesn't think the troops should be out in Afghanistan for three more years, he supports

them as humans putting their lives on the line and is happy to see them at the Stampede.

"They are doing great things out there, it's just sad to see us losing any one of them. But they have some pretty cool things here," he said.

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Calgary Stampede



Scratch and fly a Stampede hit for WestJet

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER
METRO CALGARY

Scratch and win means scratch and fly at the Calgary Stampede.

WestJet is offering Stampede goers a chance to scratch and win a free flight, but the consolation prizes aren't bad either — scratchers are guaranteed at between \$50 and \$100 off the price of a flight.

"It's been really popular with a lot of people coming down. We have had people lined up around the corner for a chance," Sara Foster, working at the WestJet booth, told Metro.

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Sara Foster

While most customers win the secondary prizes, the lucky winners of the free flights are ecstatic, she added.

"Oh they get so excited when they win. We have probably given away over 40 free flights by now."

The booth is conveniently set up by the WestJet sky ride near the west entrance.



Stephanie Ritchie, left, of WestJet gives Gaylene Bourque and Lorna Shantz from Surrey, British Columbia a chance to scratch their way to a free trip anywhere WestJet flies — or grab a big discount on flights.

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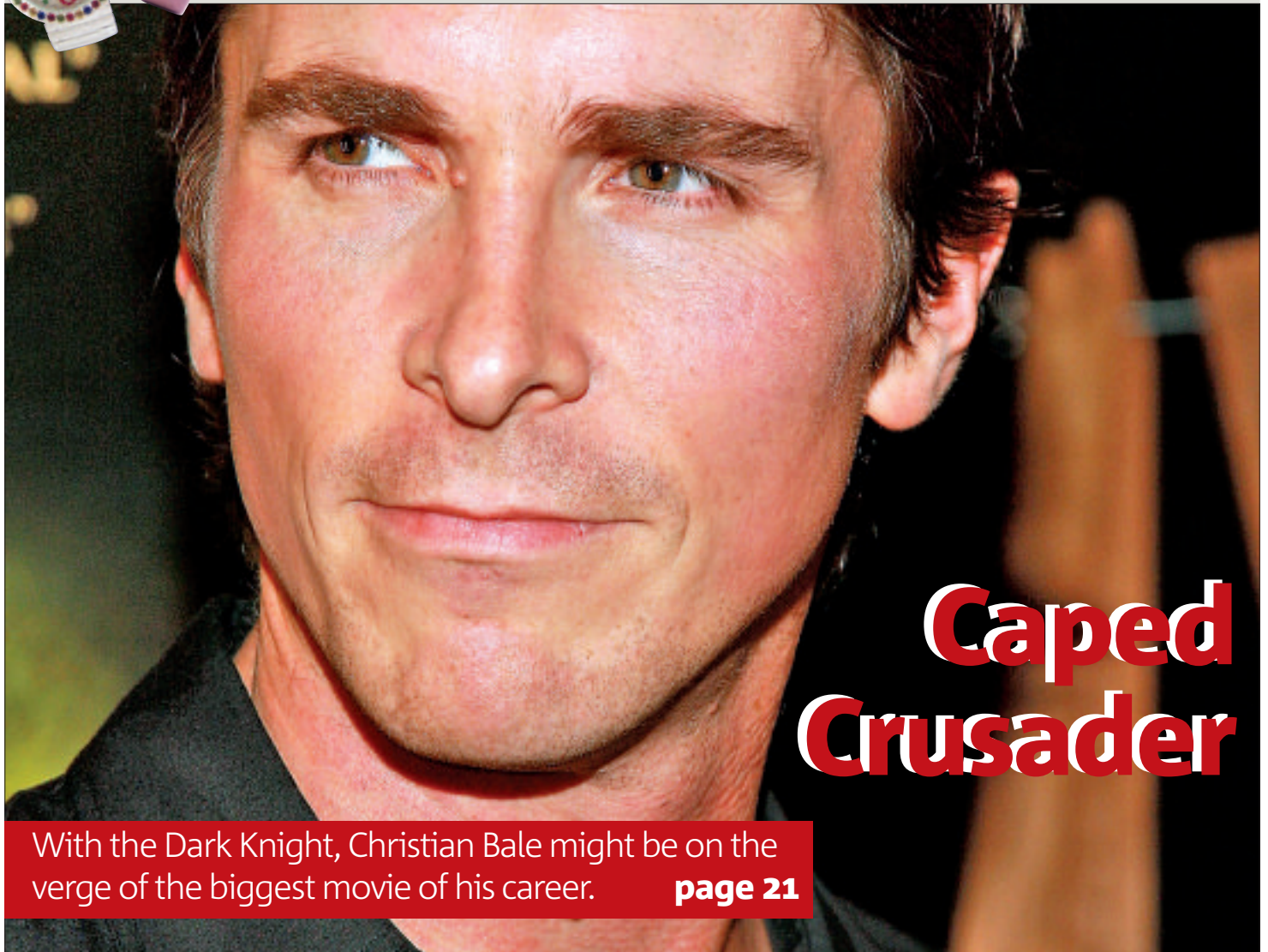
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Could iPod era be over?

As you read this, a small but significant portion of the planet's population has already given up a chunk of their lives to be among the first to own a new 3G iPhone. I've been reading stories about people camped out in front of stores waiting for this moment. Good for them.

And I get it. The new iPhone is another step closer to having a computer in your pocket. If you spent big coin to buy an American iPhone and went through the hassle of jailbreaking it so it would work in Canada, you now own the equivalent of an iPod released in October 2001.

Which brings me to the iPod. Next to the DVD player and the original transistor radio, it's the most successful electronic entertainment device we've ever seen. Somewhere around 200 million have been sold. A survey

The new iPhone, right, brings us a step closer to having a computer in our pockets, but will it replace the iPod, left?

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released this week by researchers Youthography shows that almost two-thirds of Canadians age 14-34 own an iPod.

But according to that same Youthography survey, 20 per cent of all young people in Canada already own cellphones with built-in MP3 players — and that number is increasing every day. It's to the point where

some people have begun to ask how much longer we'll want to buy stand-alone MP3 players.

Even Apple knows that the future belongs to an all-in-one handheld device — a Tricorder-like machine that offers communication, entertainment and instant information on just about anything. Research In Motion knows this, too, which is why they've been working hard on some very cool models, including the rumoured touchscreen-ed BlackBerry Thunder and the semi-mythical Kickstart, RIM's first clamshell device. Meanwhile, HTC, Samsung, LG and

Nokia are all R&Ding their brains out to catch up to Apple. Steve Jobs is still ahead of the curve, but others are catching up.

I'm sure that Apple and other music player manufacturers will insist that not everyone needs anything more than a simple music

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player. And they're right. If all you want to do is slog it out on a treadmill at the gym, you don't need to strap a computer to your bicep.

But that's not the point. If manufacturers can get us to keep upgrading, and if the wireless companies can sell us long contracts with expensive data plans, don't you think they'd happily throw the basic MP3 player over the side? Could we be near the end of the iPod era? Just asking.

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CD Reviews

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Matt Mays and El Torpedo

Album: **Terminal Romance**

Label: **Sonic/Warner**

Release date: **July 8**

Grade: **★★★★**

ON HIS **FOURTH** album, Matt Mays continues to wear his Tom Petty/Bob Dylan/Crazy Horse influences on his sleeve. And he wears it well. This is Mays' most complete (and slickest) album by far. Hopefully it will elevate him to the top of Canada's guitar-rock heap. The anthemic title track and the first single, Tall Trees, prove the gritty Halifax rocker's move to New York City has served him well. **GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM**



Vancouver

Album: **Canadian Tuxedo**

Label: **Mint**

Release date: **July 8**

Grade: **★★★★**

IT'S A SHAME that some dude from MTV.com

branded this B.C.-based outfit as having one of the worst band names. Never mind missing the Canadian all-girl reference: How about the fact this second outing's fuzzed-up garage-pop a la The Go-Gos and early Bangles offers up some blissful, catchy tuneage in Obvious, Vanity and the waltzing Lonely Life? And be damned if Megan Johnson's raspy keyboards and Eden Fineday, arguably the indie vocalist equivalent to Belinda Carlisle, leave a lasting imprint. **IAN NATHANSON**



Albert Hammond Jr. Album: **Como Te Llama** Label: **Red Ink/Sony BMG** Release date: **July 8** Grade: **★★★★** ONE OF 2007'S best surprises was Strokes guitarist Albert Hammond Jr.'s debut solo record. It was charming, pleasant and an all around great listen. Unfortunately, it's hard to say the same thing about his follow-up. Como Te Llama sounds a lot like what many people expected his first disc to sound — an unfocused collection of rock tunes. Individually, the songs aren't bad — Lisa is a catchy shoe-gazer; Spooky Couch is a great instrumental — but collectively this doesn't pass the test. **BYRON BORZKOWSKI**

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Beck

Album: **Modern Guilt**

Label: **Interscope/Universal**

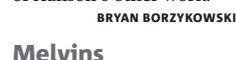
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Grade: **★★★★**

WHETHER YOU LIKE Beck Hanson or not, you have to give credit to the musician for trying something new on every album. On his 10th record, Beck teams up with Gnarl Barkley's Danger Mouse to create dark, soulful, electro-tinged sounds. It's refreshing in that it's a place Beck hasn't been before, but some songs, including the title track, sound a little too close to Crazy for comfort. Still, there are many memorable tracks, and a Beck record is always worth having, but it's not as brilliant as some of Hanson's other work. **BYRON BORZKOWSKI**



Melvins Album: **Nude With Boots** Label: **Ipecac/Fontana/Universal** Release date: **July 8** Grade: **★★★★** HARD TO FATHOM sludge-rock vets Buzz "King Buzzo" Osborne and Dale Crover have outlasted grunge, faux-grunge, faux-punk-pop ... and whatever other rock trend passed their way since forming back in the mid-1980s. Nineteen albums in, and with two new members in tow (bassist Jared Warren and drummer Coady Willis), appreciate the Melvins more for their rock-jam prowess and less so for any lyrical brilliance or their mini-space-age experiments. **IAN NATHANSON**



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Hellboy's golden sequel

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Hellboy II: The Golden Army

Director: Guillermo del Toro
Stars: Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Jeffrey Tambor
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW It always feels like something is missing in films based on comic books, something essential whose absence is only barely disguised by action and spectacle and, when the screenwriter is so moved, some sudden stretch of dialogue meant to tease out a dramatic or comic thread with a conspicuous disregard for pacing. Just before the climactic battle in Guillermo del Toro's *Hellboy* sequel, we're reminded of a prophetic plot point from the first film that both sets up *Hellboy III* — or *IV* or *V* — and utterly deflates the conflict-to-come by underlining the likelihood the



Ron Perlman as the title character leads the way in this enjoyable, if predictable, comic book sequel.

hero will survive to fight another day.

This dramatic aphasia overcomes nearly every comic book film, replacing tension with ritual as the protagonist is battered by a gauntlet of villains who, no matter their awesome power and unmitigated evil, are reduced to some CGI-assisted incarnation of the Indians who can't

shoot straight in some western serial.

It's clear del Toro really doesn't have his eye on the story as much as the regular intervals when he can introduce some scene packed with striking beasties or a digitally created behemoth, at which point the camera steps back to marvel at the handiwork. It's no surprise that the

significant departure from tone and plot — a scene involving Ron Perlman's title character, his best friend Abe Sapien, many six-packs of Tecate beer and a Barry Manilow song — seems to lift off from the overdesigned business of the film with an affected giddiness that the preview audience, at least, gratefully appreciated.

A Journey back to the third dimension

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Journey To The Center Of The Earth

Director: Eric Brevig
Stars: Brendan Fraser
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW I can thank SCTV for ruining my appreciation of 3-D movies forever, thanks to the classic sketch Dr. Tongue's House Of Stewardesses, which made sport of the cheapie 3-D flicks from the '50s that used to showed up on late night TV, their 3-D effects reduced to little more than swords and sticks being jabbed at the camera by actors ordered to break the "fourth wall" and gesture directly into the lens.

John Candy and Eugene Levy leering at the camera was never far from my mind while watching Brendan Fraser in *Journey To The Center Of The Earth*, which features, among

other exercises of the medium, a thick glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. An updating of the classic Jules Verne tale for the green screen age, it's been given the full-on 3-D treatment by director Eric Brevig with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the film's primary technical parlour trick.

After three *Mummy* films, Brendan Fraser is an old hand at this sort of outlandish action flick, a sort of contemporary Victor Mature who hopefully has the potential to be as self-mocking. He manfully delivers the bulk of the film's dubious science with a straight face, which is as it should be. While you don't want to think too much about what *Journey* has to say about plate tectonics or zoology, its hurtling pace and unabashed enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.

Meet Dave is one meeting you want to avoid

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Meet Dave

Director: Brian Robbins
Stars: Eddie Murphy
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW Like most people, I miss the Eddie Murphy of yesterday.

The smart-alecky, foul-

mouthed Beverly Hills Cop Murphy whose career has since (somehow) primarily become a vehicle for entertaining prepubescent with over-the-top schtick. Talk about fallin' for a banana in the tailpipe!

At the outset of *Meet Dave*, Murphy seemingly follows suit, playing both a human-shaped spaceship named Dave and the tiny

alien Captain controlling his every move from inside.

On a quest to find a mysterious orb that crashed to Earth, Dave (and subsequently, the Captain) meet a kindly family and learn the obligatory true lesson of friendship.

It's actually a fairly multi-layered plot and definitely an improvement on the comedian's recent offer-

ings (Norbit anyone?). Murphy's talents are best showcased when he's playing the inanimate spaceship (who can sharpen pencils in his nose and excrete money when he needs it by the way).

It's a tricky role and Murphy pulls off a glazed-over look rivaled only by the look on younger audience members' faces when a punchline makes refer-

ence to the singer Meat Loaf.

Nonetheless, soon we meet the crew within Dave, the annoying characters (a rugged officer who discovers Broadway and becomes a flaming homosexual) arise and the gags begin to fall flat.

Along with special effects that are simply sloppy in the golden age of CGI and a promising start ends

up uneven.

Mainly however, I just couldn't help but wonder how much better *Meet Dave* might've been if geared towards a more mature audience.

Definitely an improvement for Murphy but it still seems like he's mailing it in.

Sorry Eddie, but I won't fall for a banana in the tailpipe.

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Encounter At The End Of The World just does not come close enough

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Encounters At The End Of The World

Director: Scott Rowland, Stefan Pashov

Stars: Werner Herzog
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●●●

Review At the beginning of the film, acclaimed director Werner Herzog (Grizzly Man, Rescue Dawn) flies to

Antarctica to make a documentary but, as he claims, he will not "come up with another film about penguins."

Instead, the German filmmaker wants to study the eccentric personalities

that make up the population that choose to inhabit an isolated world where everyone must take survival school.

Along the way, Herzog does meet interesting people but after 100 minutes

of this, the film's goal is still unclear and you're left feeling unfulfilled. There are beautiful scenes in Encounters.

Herzog's most compelling encounter ironically comes when he discov-

ers a fascinating penguin colony and a disoriented bird that strays off to its imminent death. Considering Herzog's earlier claim, maybe he should've made March of the Penguins 2 after all.

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Hancock Will Smith's new movie Hancock has been accused of homophobia by gay rights campaigners. Bosses at The Gay + Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) allege a scene in the superhero movie takes a "cheap, unfunny shot at gay people." **IMDB.COM**



Reel Times

Bale's Batman begins again

Actor talks about his inspiration for the role, working with Heath Ledger in Dark Knight

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FEATURE Christian Bale is that rare movie star about which we know almost nothing. With *The Dark Knight* opening in a week, he might be on the verge of the biggest movie of his career so far, but sitting across from the actor at a press event in Beverly Hills, it's impossible to imagine that it's going to change what he does or how he does it; averaging two films a year in what tend to be physically demanding roles, with three more films including a new *Terminator* movie in production, it's likely he'll just return to some set, away from the gossip mags.

Talking about his second shot at portraying Bruce Wayne and his alter ego, the Batman, in director Christopher Nolan's sty-

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Christian Bale on working with Heath Ledger

gian reboot of the comic movie franchise, Bale is as thorough as any movie critic when he talks about his inspiration and process in creating the role.

"He has this great shadow side borne of the pain and death of his parents," Bale says of the caped crusader. "His creation of Batman has never been helpful for his own life. He has a great capability for violence, and he's given himself this one rule that he will not kill, because he sees how easily he could cross that line. The Joker is

the one who's made him question his ethics more than anybody up until now, and tempting him to break his own rule, because if he breaks his own rule he can possible prevent the deaths of many people. And in that case is it selfish to hold onto his own principles — should he break his own principles for that?"

The subject turns to Heath Ledger, whose Joker will be his penultimate movie role, Bale is full of respect for the late actor's professionalism, frequently praising him for his

"commitment."

"That was our very first scene together," Bale says, referring to a brutal interrogation scene between their characters. "And it was a great way to start, because we were afforded the luxury of, for some part of the scene, being completely alone in that room with the cameras outside, with just mirrors surrounding us, and the two of us eyeballing each other, and everywhere you looked just seeing reflections of the two freaks sitting at a table together."

"Me sitting opposite him, I was getting real pleasure from seeing the satisfaction he was getting from it, because I could recognize the same satisfaction that I get from acting. When you have anybody who was as good as him, it becomes that much easier to create great scenes."

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Christian Bale takes to the big screen next week in his second shot at portraying Bruce Wayne and his alter ego, the Batman, in *The Dark Knight*.

Movie morsels

Get Smart

Steve Carell takes over the role made famous by Don Adams in the original TV series — Maxwell Smart, the bumbling but cocksure secret agent who succeeds in spite of his best efforts. Anne Hathaway does a fine job with Agent 99, played by Barbara Feldon in the TV series, ably matching Feldon's innate sexiness; the only real flaw in Hathaway's portrayal is her inability to evoke the fetching neurotic quality Feldon brought to the role.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Hancock

Comic book aficionados will instantly spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half (and I don't mean Betty Ross), and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible, ill-tempered boor who can't remember his past.

And, like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world — he just has to overcome his inner demons.

Brian Towle/Metro Canada

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl

Abigail Breslin plays Kit, a young girl whose 1934 has gone from middle class to mid-Depression as her father loses his job and her mother is forced to take in boarders. It takes too long for the story to kick in, and as a result it never gets up a good head of steam, but that might not be a minus for the movie's intended audiences — the little girls between 5 and 12.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada



Love Guru

Mike Myers plays a self-help swami who's enlisted to help reconcile a hockey player with an ex-lover in order to end a curse. Although the comedy is filled with terrible penis puns and cracks about midgets, Myers still finds a way to charm us with his

quirky characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Wall-E

In the absence of his creators, who are cruising the universe, Wall-E, the big-eyed trash-compacting robot is left to dig mankind out of its own mess on an earth. He has developed a lovelorn little soul, until Eve arrives. Eve is a sleek creature looking for signs of plant life that would mean Earth is becoming habitable again. When she's taken to the mother-ship after finding the seedling Wall-E's been tending, he hitchhikes along for the ride. It's sweet, but not cloying.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Wanted

James McAvoy (Atone-ment) plays a loser who is swept away to a secret fraternity and becomes a super-skilled assassin. Russian director Timur Bekmambetov (Nightwatch) makes an impressive Hollywood debut giving the film a quirky self-assuredness, impressive visuals and a great cast that includes Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman.

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Forgetting Sarah Marshall (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:7-9:30
Made of Honor (PG) Fri-Thu 1:4-10:20-9:35
Nim's Island (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7
Son of Rambow (PG) Fri-Thu 1:3-4:57-15-9:30
The Stone Angel (14A) Fri-Thu 7
The Strangers (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:55-5-9:35
Then She Found Me (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7:05
The Visitor (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
What Happens in Vegas (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:35-7:10-9:40
Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden? (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25

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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-6:30-9:30
Hancock (PG) Fri-Mon 12:05-1:25-4:45-3:40-5:05-7:05-7:25-9:50-10:25 Tue 12:05-2:45-3:40-5:05-7:05-7:25-9:50-10:25 Wed-Thu 12:05-1:25-4:45-3:40-5:05-7:05-7:25-9:50-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1
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Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:30-9:55
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20
Kung Fu Panda Fri-Thu 12:35-3:10-6:40-9:45
The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25
Meet Dave (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:15-7:50-10:30
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 6:45-10
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:12-4:20-3:30-4:5-5:10-7:40-10:10
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:7-10:10:05

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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:10-10:10
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:7-15:10:15
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50



Will Smith plays a disgruntled superhero and Jason Bateman plays a PR exec in Hancock.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Wed 12:10-3:20-6:50-9:30 Thu 6:50-9:30
Sex and the City (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-10:6:30-9:40
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The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:05-3:15
The Dark Knight (STC) No Passes, Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Thu 12:01
Get Smart (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-2:55-6:55-9:30
Hancock (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-1:15-3:30-4:57-7:15-7:45-9:40-10:05
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (STC) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:10-12:40-2:50-3:25-7:05-7:30-9:50-10:15
No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:10-12:40-2:50-3:25-7:05-7:30-9:50
The Hulk (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 4:05-9:10

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:3-4:07:35-10:10
Iron Man (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 6:45-9:25
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-3:30-7:15-9:35
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (STC) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20
Kung Fu Panda (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-2:35-6:40-9
The Love Guru (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-6:40
Meet Dave (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-3:55-7:10-9:25
Sex and the City (18A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 6:35-9:45
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Get Smart (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-6:50-9:40
Hancock (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:30-10
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Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating, Digital Presentation Fri-Wed 2:4-3:70-7:10-9:50 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating, Digital Presentation, No Passes Thu 2:4-3:70-7:10-9:50
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Mongol (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:3-30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
The Year My Parents Went on Vacation (STC) Fri 7:15-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:25-7:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:25

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Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-6:40
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Harold (STC) Fri-Thu 1:3-50-7:10
Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na (STC) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-9:15
Love Story 2050 (PG) Fri-Thu 8:30
Made for Each Other (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:55-9:45
Nim's Island (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-6:45-9:50
Speed Racer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35
The Strangers (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:10-10:10
Thoda Pyaar Thoda Magic (PG) Fri-Thu 8:45
What Happens in Vegas (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-7:05-10:05

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The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
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Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-1:240-3:20-5:10-5:40-6:50-7:30-8-9-20-10:05-10:45
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WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-1:21:15-3:50-5:77-40-9:40-10:15
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:40
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50

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Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:3-50-7:05-10:15

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Style

Ethical designer enjoys return

CLOTHING British designer Katharine Hamnett is relishing a comeback now that the fashion world has finally caught up with her campaigning notions about clothes.

Hamnett stormed off the fashion stage four years ago after her pleas to use organic cotton fell on deaf ears.

But the designer whose oversized T-shirts with slogans like "Choose Life" and "Use a Condom" were all the rage in the 1980s is enjoying a return now that "ethical fashion" is in vogue.

"Years ago when I was talking about this I was a voice in the wilderness and now I have people come up to me and say 'Oh, you were right all along,'" Hamnett said in an interview at Rome fashion week, where she was promoting ethical fashion.

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ABIDJAN Cocoa runs in the family of Ivorian fashion designer Felicité Mai. It was her father, a tailor-turned-cocoa planter, who gave her her first sewing machine, a model dating back to 1952. And for the last five years, this sewing-school graduate has been turning out eye-catching outfits made from the jute sacks used to ship Ivory Coast's top export — cocoa.

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Dazzle with wrist candy

Style File

Kim Elbo



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ask kim

How do I prevent air bubbles in my nail polish once it's applied to my nails?

Excessively shaking the bottle can create air in the bottle. Instead gently roll the bottle in between your hands to mix the polish. Here are a couple of extra tips from beautybuzz.com: don't polish your nails in a draft, the blowing air can cause bubbles. Also, the more you polish over your nails, the more air you put into it. And remember to throw away old polish.

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Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.



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Watches are often overlooked because we carry time with us on our cell-phones, iPods and cameras. So what is the use of a wrist watch when we obviously don't need it? Fashion, of course — it's another accessory that can't be overlooked, especially not the ones featured here. This season big, bright and candy-coloured watches are a hit. The bigger the face the better. Also, look for a thick band to match, not like those "back in the day" Baby G-Shock watches, but more like a jeweled cuff bracelet.

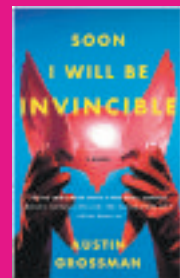
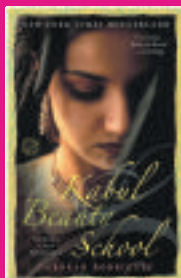
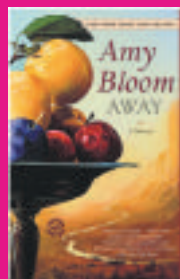
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Former Friends actress Courtney Cox has reportedly signed up to appear in three episodes in the next season of NBC's Scrubs. **IMDb**



TV

Flashpoint delivers action

CTV's new drama takes you inside the world of an elite police force

SANDY CAETANO
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Flashpoint is the first Canadian drama series since 1994 to air on network primetime in both Canada and the U.S.

Inspired by Toronto's Emergency Task Force, CTV's newest drama series Flashpoint will take viewers on an emotional journey into the tough, risk-filled lives of a group of cops in the Strategic Response Unit.

This elite team of cops is trained to do what ordinary police officers cannot — rescue hostages, bust gangs, defuse bombs, climb the sides of buildings and talk down suicidal teens.

Flashpoint's executive producer Bill Mustos (Degrassi: The Next Generation, Robson Arms), says what's so interesting about Toronto's ETF is that it's virtually the only team of its kind in the world.

"It has all the characteristics of a typical SWAT team and does all the things SWAT teams do, but this team in Toronto also has trained its men and women in psychological profiling and negotiation," says Mustos. "And this is



Enrico Colantoni, right, stars as Sgt. Gregory Parker in CTV's new drama, Flashpoint.

what distinguishes them from all the other SWAT teams in the world."

Starring Enrico Colantoni (Veronica Mars), Hugh Dillon (Durham County), Amy Jo Johnson (Felicity) and David Paetkau (Whistler), Flashpoint's highly skilled tactical team gets inside the

suspect's heads at the very emotional breaking point, sniper and the toughest cop on SRU Team

the "flashpoint" that triggers the crisis.

In the series opener Scorpio, Ed Lane's the best

One. So when an enraged gunman takes a hostage in a public square at rush

hour, it's Ed who ends up in position to take the lethal shot from a nearby rooftop.

Meanwhile, Sgt. Gregory Parker struggles to pacify the volatile gunman.

The situation escalates when it looks like he's about to kill again.

Colantoni, who plays

"The trust level among these people is so high — they really do operate as if they were in combat."

Enrico Colantoni

Parker, says he and the rest of the actors on the show had the benefit of watching Toronto's ETF train, which helped them learn exactly how to transform into their roles.

"The biggest difference is how stealth-like they are, how they move ... and they do that every day, day in and day out," says Colantoni.

"The trust level among these people is so high — they really do operate as if they were in combat. No one will move forward unless they are absolutely sure that whoever is covering their back is there."

Flashpoint's 13 hour-long episodes were picked up by CBS.

When it premieres on CTV July 11, it will be the first Canadian drama series since CTV's Due South in 1994 to air on network primetime in both Canada and the United States.

Isaak, Shatner to join Bio Channel lineup

TALK SHOWS Bio Channel is expanding its original programming slate with four new series, including a Chris Isaak-hosted talk show and William Shatner's previously announced interview series.

The network, formerly known as the Biography

Channel, said The Chris Isaak Hour will feature performances by mainstream musical artists. Isaak, famed for such tunes as Wicked Game, previously had his own comedy series, The Chris Isaak Show, at Showtime.

Shatner's Raw Nerve,

which premieres Aug. 19, will be an "offbeat celebrity interview series," Bio promised. Guests will include Shatner's former Star Trek crewmate Leonard Nimoy, Jon Voight, Jimmy Kimmel, Judge Judy, Jenna Jameson, Kelsey Grammer and Valerie Bertinelli.

REUTERS



Chris Isaak

Entertainment in brief

GAME SHOWS Fox has lined up actress Brooke Burns and TV personality Mark Thompson to host its Japanese-inspired game show Hole in the Wall. The show was often described as "human Tetris" after videos of the hit Japanese version became popular on YouTube.

REUTERS

DRAMA Joe E. Tata will reprise his role as owner of the Peach Pit on the new incarnation of Beverly Hills 90210. Tata, 71, said he jumped at the chance to bring back Nat, whose diner was the hangout of choice for the 90210 crowd. The drama debuts Sept. 2.

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Casting Val Kilmer, right, was handed the job of voicing the new Knight Rider car when producers learned Will Arnett had a truck commercial deal that would prevent him from playing K.I.T.T. on TV. Arnett won the role for the upcoming remake of David Hasselhoff's 1980s series, but was forced to step down because of his ties to GMC Trucks. Kilmer, a fan of the original series, was asked to step in.

IMDB.COM

Producer comes out Swinging

IntelleVision



SWINGING AT SOFTBALLS: Earlier this week, I wrote about Swinging at Softballs, the '70s-themed primetime drama, and said that it was an ABC show, after watching three consecutive episodes I'd downloaded, all with CBS' eye logo watermarked in the bottom right corner.

A reader was kind enough to write in and correct me, pointing out that the show appearing on staid, safe, elderly CBS is far more of a big deal than if it were on ABC, NBC or Fox, or any of the quality cable networks where chagrined supporters of the show think it might have thrived.

"On Desperate Housewives or CSI, there is a level of lascivious content ... but that person involved usually gets punished, or preferably killed. We love our characters. We don't judge them. There are no negative repercussions for the behaviour they're engaging in. They find that terrifying."

Alan Poul

You can't help but get the impression that show producer and director Alan Poul agrees with this theory, based on a talk he gave at the Banff World Television Festival written on the Blogcritics.com web site.

According to Poul, Swingingtown creator Mike Kelley was in the unusual position of having a network try and sell him on the idea of putting the show on their network, and not the other way around when Swingingtown was still being pitched.

"We said we're not going to sell it if they're going to turn it into a network show," Poul recalled of the negotiations with CBS network chief Nina Tassler.

"The underage daughter still has to smoke pot, the

crazy neighbour lady still has to do coke, our leading lady still has to take the Quaalude and we have to want her to take the Quaalude, and they still have to have sex with their neighbours.

"If you guarantee we can do all those things on CBS, then yes, you can buy the show."

"She said 'you have my word.'"

Afterwards, of course, the usual network interference episode happened right on schedule.

Since the big networks are riper targets for indecency fines from the Federal Communications Commission, they're cautious in ways that Showtime or HBO aren't, and so the network "happily" paid US\$10,000 to have the leg of a stewardess digitally removed from a scene in the pilot where it's wrapped around Grant Show's swinging Tom Decker.

Poul complained that the FCC's effect is like "a third world theocracy, the level of sexual puritanism."

"On Desperate Housewives or CSI, there is a level of lascivious content," Poul said, "but the person involved usually gets punished or, preferably, killed. We love our characters. We don't judge them. There are no negative repercussions for the behaviour they're engaging in. They find that terrifying."

And that's one of the biggest problems with Swingingtown — the producers can't do what all of us do every day of our lives: make judgments and act on them.

The '70s might have felt like a moral vacuum, but the world wasn't, and without affording viewers the context to make a moral judgment about somebody's behaviour — which Poul seems to regard as Swingingtown's agenda — you're offering them the dramatic equivalent of braised celery while pretending it's Texas chili.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



Swingingtown's producers say they are being unfairly singled out by U.S. broadcast regulators.

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The dog days of summer

TELEVISION CBS has debuted the reality show Greatest American Dog, where a dozen canines compete for fun, doggie treats and a \$250,000 grand prize. To be sure, the Westminster Kennel Club is nowhere in sight for this dog show, which turns out to be far more about the people than the dogs. Created and executive produced by Emmy-

winning documentary specialist R.J. Cutler (American High), this series turns out to be far less than the sum of its parts, with the human egos far surpassing the stupid pet tricks in terms of relevance and screen time. And that's wholly unfortunate. A dozen dog-human teams square off to judge which dog can best follow instructions.

Reuters

	Vu SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
FRIDAY										
prime	243 317 3 CFCN	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Flashpoint "Scorpio" (N)	News (N)		
time	- 371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Dance Machine (N)	Duel (N)	20/20		
	245 306 6 CBRT	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Force Live	Comedy Fest	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives	CBC News: The National	Stampede		
	244 338 7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	Very Bad Men	Friday Night Lights	Biography "Emore Leonard"	NUMB3RS "Democracy"	News Hour		
	246 - 8 CKAL	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Stargate SG-1 (DVS)	Passion sports "Gala de boxe" (SC)	NUMB3RS "Democracy"	Flashpoint	Your City		
	119 705 9 CBXFT	Les Vieux Lions *** (2003, Com. dramatique) (SC)	Friends	Scrubs	Foreign	NOW on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	TJ Alberta		
	- 372 12 KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	Friends	Outrageous	Dateline NBC	NUMB3RS "Democracy"	Flashpoint		
	- 374 14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Outrageous	Paul Walker, Eva Mendes.	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	Sinatra: Vegas		
	- 370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Raymond	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	CBC News: The National	Larry King Live	Cooper 360		
	- 373 22 KAYU	70s Show	The Simpsons	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Larry King Live	CTV Newsnet	News		
	502 390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	News	CTV Newsnet	National News - Dollar General 300	Ult. Fighter		
	500 500 29 CNN	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	News	CTV Newsnet	NASCAR Racing	Sportsnet Connected	Ult. Fighter		
	501 391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	NASCAR Racing	Sportsnet Connected	Ult. Fighter		
	400 400 21 TSN	(6) CFL Football BC Lions at Winnipeg Blue Bombers.	Sportsnet Connected	Sportsnet Connected	Sportsnet Connected	NASCAR Racing	Sportsnet Connected	Ult. Fighter		
	552 543 20 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Batman *** (1989, Action) Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton.	(10:15) Johnny Kapahala: Back on Board	News (N)		
	557 541 39 FAM	Zoe 101	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	High School Musical 2 (2007) Zac Efron.	Dr. 90210 (N)	20/20	Tasty Travels		
	- 18 CHTV	70s Show	E News	Greatest Myst.	Greatest Myst.	Dinner Imposs.	Iron Chef America	CSI: Miami		
	603 561 25 FOOD	Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Webdrams		
	615 520 26 A&E	CSI: Miami "Rio" (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	ReGenesis (HDTV)	Cold Squad	Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild "Ecuador"	Handyman		
	617 522 32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	Doomed Sisters of the Titanic	World's Most Amazing Videos	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Factory (HDTV) JMXC	GameTrailers		
	520 505 35 DISC	Man vs. Wild "Ecuador"	Doomed Sisters of the Titanic	World's Most Amazing Videos	NCIS	Lost Worlds	Final 24 John Belushi	NCIS		
	628 584 43 SPIKE	When Good Pets Go Bad	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	The Real World	MTV Shuffle	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Real World		
	522 516 45 HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	The Real World	MTV Shuffle	MTV Shuffle	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Real World		
	581 566 102 MTV	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Real World		

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SATURDAY										
prime	243 317 3 CFCN	W-FIVE Presents: Forgiveness	Burn: The Robert Wright Story (2004, Docudrama)	Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)				
time	- 371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement *** (2004)	E! Stone				
	245 306 6 CBRT	Dumb and Dumber	Andromeda	2008 Calgary Stampede From Calgary (Live)	Godzilla *** (1954, Science Fiction)	News (N)				
	244 338 7 CICT	Andromeda	Largo Winch	Murdoch Mysteries	Proof of Lies (2006, Suspense) Amanda Delmar.	The City Show				
	246 - 8 CKAL	Blood Ties (DVS)	Cold Case	Yeux mere	Dre Grey, leçons d'anatomie	48 Hours Mystery	Everly Brothers			
	119 705 9 CBXFT	(6:30) L'incomparable Mademoiselle C.	May-December	Jack Benny	The Unit "Outsiders"	Anne of Green Gables	Law & Order: CI			
	- 372 12 KREM	News (N)	Scrub	May-December	Jack Benny	Anne of Green Gables	Law & Order: CI			
	- 374 14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show	Raymond	May-December	Jack Benny	Anne of Green Gables	Law & Order: CI			
	- 370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Raymond	May-December	Jack Benny	Anne of Green Gables	Law & Order: CI			
	- 373 22 KAYU	70s Show	The Simpsons	On A Tightrope	On A Tightrope	On A Tightrope	On A Tightrope			
	502 390 15 CBC	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	On A Tightrope	On A Tightrope	On A Tightrope	On A Tightrope			
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	501 391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet			
	400 400 21 TSN	(6:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup	Lifelock.com 400 (HDTV) (Live)	Motorcycle Racing	The Ultimate Fighter	Canada Poker	Sportsnet Con.			
	408 418 27 net	MLB Baseball: Rays at Indians	Prank Patrol	Flight 29 Down	E News	Be Real	Top Chef "Block Party"			
	552 543 20 YTV	Prank Patrol	Flight 29 Down	E News	Be Real	Top Chef "Block Party"	Intervention "Lawrence"			
	557 541 39 FAM	E News	Be Real	Top Chef "Block Party"	Intervention "Lawrence"	The One That Got Away (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams.	Intervention "Jill"			
	- 18 CHTV	Dinner: Impossible	Intervention "Lawrence"	The One That Got Away (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams.	Intervention "Jill"	A Haunting	Re-Inventors			
	603 561 25 FOOD	Dinner: Impossible	Intervention "Lawrence"	The One That Got Away (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams.	Intervention "Jill"	A Haunting	Re-Inventors			
	615 522 32 SHOW	The One That Got Away (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams.	Intervention "Jill"	A Haunting	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors			
	520 505 35 DISC	Deadliest Catch	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel			
	628 584 43 SPIKE	(6:30) Predator	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel			
	522 516 45 HIST	Mob Stories	NCIS "Sub Rosa"	NCIS	4REAL	MTV Screen	MTV Screen			
	581 566 102 MTV	MTV Shuffle	MTV Shuffle	MTV Shuffle	MTV Shuffle	MTV Shuffle	MTV Shuffle			

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SUNDAY										
prime	243 317 3 CFCN	Instant Star (N)	The Hills	Cold Case (HDTV)	Mad Men "Babylon"	Flashpoint "Scorpio"	News (N)			
time	- 371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	Ebert	Funnest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Hughes Family"	News (N)				
	245 306 6 CBRT	Heartland	How Do You Solve-Maria	Family Guy (N)	The Simpsons	Miss Universe 2008	Speakers Cmr.			
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	246 - 8 CKAL	Friends	Hates Chris	Zone 60 (SC)	60 Minutes	Big Brother 10 (N) (SC)	Cold Case (HDTV)	Flashpoint		
	119 705 9 CBXFT	Decouverte (N)	Et Dieu créa	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)	American Dream	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Secrets of N.Y. P.O.V.		
	- 372 12 KREM	News (N)	Paid Program	"Til Death	"Til Death	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Tiger Cruise ** (2004, Drama)		
	- 374 14 KSPS	American Idol Rewind	Born Into Brothels *** (2004, Documentary)	Born Into Brothels *** (2004, Documentary)	Newsroom	Special Investigations	News	CTV Newsnet		
	- 370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Paid Program	"Til Death	"Til Death	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Tiger Cruise ** (2004, Drama)		
	- 373 22 KAYU	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	News (N)		
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	501 391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	CTV Newsnet	CTV Newsnet	CTV Newsnet	CTV Newsnet	News (N)		
	400 400 21 TSN	Boxing Friday Night Fights.	(6) MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at New York Mets.	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	Planet Speed	NASCAR Racing	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Ult. Fighter		
	408 418 27 net	(6) MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at New York Mets.	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Ult. Fighter		
	552 543 20 YTV	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Tiger Cruise ** (2004, Drama)		
	557 541 39 FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Tiger Cruise ** (2004, Drama)		
	- 18 CHTV	Vanity Insanity	Vanity Insanity	The Soup (N)	Weekend	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Hughes Family"	News (N)			
	603 561 25 FOOD	Iron Chef America	Gene Simmons Family Jewels	Jamie at Home	Nigelia	Road Grill	Licence to Grill	Iron Chef America		
	615 522 32 SHOW	Student Bodies	Billable Hours	MythBusters	Lost in the Dark (2007, Suspense) Mae Whitman.	MegaWorld: Hawaii	MANswers	MANswers		
	520 505 35 DISC	Mayday "Mixed Signals"	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Lost Worlds	NCIS	Hitler's Sunken Secret	Factory (HDTV)	Factory (HDTV)		
	628 584 43 SPIKE	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Lost Worlds	NCIS	Hitler's Sunken Secret	Factory (HDTV)	Factory (HDTV)	Factory (HDTV)		
	522 516 45 HIST	Lost Worlds	NCIS	Hitler's Sunken Secret	Factory (HDTV)	Factory (HDTV)	Factory (HDTV)	Factory (HDTV)		
	581 566 102 MTV	MTV e2	MTV Screen	Cribs	Cribs	4REAL	MTV Screen	MTV Shuffle		

Mariah Carey has hit out at the media over reports she is planning a \$4 million wedding ceremony to celebrate her marriage to Nick Cannon. Carey has since denied they will be hosting a bigger ceremony and has now criticised the press for spreading the stories. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Brinkley, ex strike a deal

COURTS Christie Brinkley and her estranged husband Peter Cook have reached a settlement in their divorce trial, imdb.com reports.

After eight days of high drama in a New York court, the former couple finally agreed on the terms of child custody and division of assets yesterday, following all-night talks at a Manhattan hotel.

The settlement gives Brinkley sole custody of the pair's two children — Jack, 13, and Sailor, 10 — but allows Cook "ample parenting time".

The former super-model

has also been awarded all real estate holdings, while Cook walks away with a \$2.1 million pay off.

Brinkley and Cook's lawyers and their children's law guardian began talks on Wednesday evening in the hope of bringing their high-profile divorce to a close.

Over the course of the trial, testimony included revelations of Cook's affair with teenager Diana Bianchi and his alleged \$3,000 monthly porn habit. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Madge A-Rod's soulmate?

ROMANCE Alex Rodriguez allegedly confessed his love for Madonna at the beginning of this year, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The New York Yankees baseball star — whose close relationship with the singer is a factor in his recent split from wife Cynthia, her lawyers claim — told a pal he was besotted with Madonna as they had dinner at a restaurant in January, during which Alex spent most of the evening texting her.

His friend told *Us Weekly* magazine: "He kept smiling, acting as if he was a little kid. He told me it was Madonna he was texting. I was shocked. He pro-

ceeded to say he was in love with her. I thought he was kidding but he wasn't."

Just a few weeks after the dinner, Alex — who has two children with estranged wife Cynthia — confirmed how much he had fallen for Madonna, telling the same friend: "She's my f***ing soulmate."

Madonna — whose own marriage to director Guy Ritchie is allegedly on the brink of collapse — has previously denied any involvement with the sportsman, insisting they are just friends.



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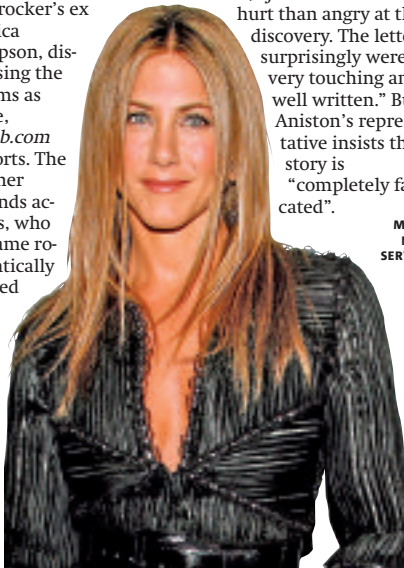
celebrity brief

Aniston denies love letter find

RELATIONSHIP John Mayer's girlfriend Jennifer Aniston has blasted rumours that she discovered "a batch" of love letters from the rocker's ex Jessica Simpson, dismissing the claims as false, imdb.com reports. The former *Friends* actress, who became romantically linked to

Mayer earlier this year, was said to have found the notes in the singer's guitar case, reports the New York Post's gossip column Page Six.

A source tells the publication, "Jennifer was more hurt than angry at the discovery. The letters surprisingly were very touching and well written." But Aniston's representative insists the story is "completely fabricated". **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Pamela confirms reunion with ex

DIVORCED Pamela Anderson has confirmed she and ex-husband Tommy Lee are back together, insisting they make a "great package," imdb.com reports. Anderson was married to the Motley Crue rocker for three years until they split in 1998. But they have spent more and more time together recently, and Lee recently claimed his ex and their two sons had moved back in with him — and were trying to be a happy family. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Biel not hungry for wedding vows

FAMILY Jessica Biel says her life will be fine even if she doesn't walk down the aisle one day, usmagazine.com reports. "The actual idea of signing those papers and doing all this stuff ... I've never been someone who's like, 'I have to, have to, have to have it,'" the actress, 26, says in Harper's Bazaar. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

celebrity brief

Fiancé denying break with Fox

RUMOUR Brian Austin Green says everything's going great with fiancée Megan Fox, usmagazine.com reports. (London's Daily Star reported that Fox, 22, called off her engagement to the former 90210 star after realizing "she's too young to marry him.") "We're solid," Green, 34, says in the new issue of TV Guide. "We've lived together for three years. We have tattoos of each other's names." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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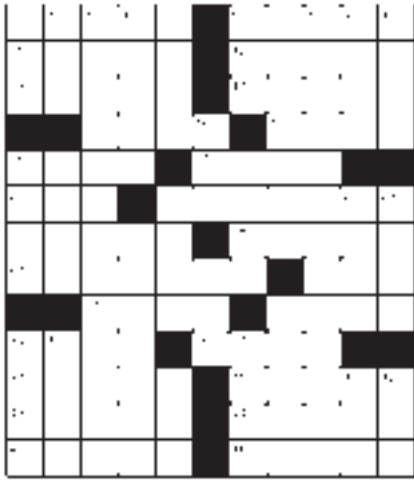
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Could Brad Pitt be headlining Quentin Tarantino's next film?

According to *DeadlineHollywoodDaily.com*, the director, 45, is in talks with Pitt, 44, to star in his next film, the World War II action tale *Inglorious Bastards*. **METRO**



Take Five



Crossword across

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Eastern monks | 33 Repast |
| 6 List divider | 34 Hook's helper |
| 11 Tea party guest | 36 Harvest |
| 12 Poppy yield | 38 Bakery buys |
| 13 Fake gems | 40 Fight site |
| 14 Marshal's group | 43 Loosen, in a way |
| 15 Some bills | 44 Temptress |
| 17 British gun | 45 Plague |
| 18 Told tales | 46 Scrumptious |
| 20 Different | |
| 22 Cabinet dept. | |
| 23 Scrubbed | |
| 26 Like the Vikings | |
| 28 Sufficient | |
| 29 Overwhelmed | |
| 31 Building part | |
| 32 Test software version | |

This day in history

- JULY 11, 1750: Halifax almost completely destroyed by fire.
- JULY 11, 1859: A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens is published.
- JULY 11, 1914: Babe Ruth debuts in Major League Baseball.
- JULY 11, 1944: Franklin D. Roosevelt says he will run for a fourth term as President of the United States.
- JULY 11, 1960: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee is first published.
- JULY 11, 2006: In Mumbai, India 209 people are killed in a series of bomb attacks.



Crossword down

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 Pet perch | 30 Attention |
| 2 As done by | 33 Arnold's wife |
| 3 Henry Fonda film | 34 Ticket half |
| 4 Took a part | 35 Lion feature |
| 5 Spotted | 37 Sunrise spot |
| 6 Beat walker | 39 Clique |
| 7 American marsupial | 41 Court divider |
| 8 Wally Cox series | 42 Some amount |
| 9 Inspiration | |
| 10 Prayer ender | |
| 16 Short time | |
| 18 Touch down | |
| 19 Frankenstein aide | |
| 21 Stow cargo | |
| 23 Faxed | |
| 24 First name in jazz | |
| 25 Valley | |
| 27 Honey | |

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previous day's answer



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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A guilty man will admit to his transgression. Showing disrespect will be catastrophic. An unusual experiment is taking place.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A friend will find it difficult to contact you. Be lenient with those who lack defenders. Don't get mad when you explain the rules.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You are someone's good luck charm. Don't lose your temper at noon. A woman will complain about her weight gain.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A comment is misunderstood by a fool. Prepare for dramatic moments. You'll change your mind about a tight money situation.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You're even more attractive than usual. A woman is upset over details. A generous friend offers nurturing.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

History repeats itself. Your personality might provoke a quarrel at home. Nasty moments can be avoided by not reacting.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Avoid decision-making in the morning. Let someone else make corrections. Problems with a vegetarian lead to turmoil.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

An answer comes in a dream. A meeting with a soul mate is possible. Laughter ends the day on a high note.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Bad news about the future can be ignored. Make changes in a faltering relationship. A friend will be super moody.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Keep your temper in check if you're hypersensitive. Don't waste your wit on sarcastic people. A staff romance hits the skids.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Wear down your opposition with a smile. Things start working out for the best. Emotional depths are being plumbed.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Someone's problems will interfere with a departure. Don't tease a friend about their living conditions. Start exercising your brain more.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

1	5	8	3	2	9	6	4	7
4	6	3	7	5	1	2	9	8
7	9	2	8	6	4	3	1	5
2	4	9	1	7	6	5	8	3
8	7	1	5	9	3	4	2	6
6	3	5	2	4	8	1	7	9
5	2	6	4	8	7	9	3	1
3	8	4	9	1	5	7	6	2
9	1	7	6	3	2	8	5	4

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

Calgary weather

Afternoon



Sunny.
18°

Tonight



Clear.
Low 7°

Saturday



Sunny.
23° / 9°

Sunday



Sunny.
26° / 10°



Monday



Partly cloudy.
24° / 10°

Temperature
Normals
High: 23.6°
Low: 9.1°

Records
High: 34.4°/1898
Low: 0°/1943

Sunrise: 5:34 a.m.
Sunset: 9:48 p.m.
Moonset: 12:41 a.m.
Moonrise: 4:22 p.m.

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